

February 6, 2014

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Jeffries, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Board member Fuelling was not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Supt. Givens; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Nancy Sexton; Jerry Walden; Mr. and Mrs. Laird Davis; ACO Givens; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented. Board member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

Chairman Curtis stated they have been discussing the capital improvement plan with Bernardin Lochmueller and they should have the scope of work and a rough estimate by the second meeting in March, or first meeting in April. He added they want to be sure to look at all expansion possibilities in that area as soon as possible.

Supt. Gray stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?
Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no other business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Jeffries, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Board member Fuelling was not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Supt. Givens; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Nancy Sexton; Jerry Walden; Mr. and Mrs. Laird Davis; ACO Givens; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat.

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Councilman Jeffries moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Hoehn stated the streets are icy and snowy. The Department has done a good job, and maybe they can get a breather now before the next round comes in. He added again, they did a good job, and they are caught up for now.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairman Jeffries stated he will be reviewing the recommendation from INDOT on 4th Street, but other than that, he has no report.
Chief Beloit stated he has no report.
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Fire Chairwoman Higgins stated she has no report.
Chief Dixon stated he has no report.
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Sewer Chairman Fuelling was not present.
Supt. Givens stated Layne Inliner will begin work on Monday at E & S Housing.
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they have the Financial Report before them and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?
Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now start on the Legal portion of the Agenda.
Attorney Higgins stated the first item is the first reading of the Ordinance of Additional Appropriations in the COI T Fund. She added this represents a premium credit received from Anthem in late December, early January. It is NOT a refund check like the one that was received in 2013. This check will be used from February 2014 to November 2014 to reduce the out of pocket expense of the employees' health insurance premiums. She then stated next year, this will not be received and the employees' rate will return to current, or the \$59,000 will not be in COIT next year.
Councilman Curtis asked if this is like the refund check they received, in that the reduction was based on the percentage of their premium – what coverage they have ?
Attorney Higgins replied yes.
Councilman Curtis stated because of how the employees handled their insurance coverage, is the reason they have this premium credit. It is a good deal. He then moved the Ordinance of Additional Appropriations in the COIT Fund, \$59,000 to line 121, Employee Health Insurance, be approved on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.
Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There were none.
Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.
Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:
Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – absent; Hoehn – yes;
Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.
Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated they next to make an appointment to the City of Mount Vernon EDC. Ann Blackburn does not wish to continue. She added this is a four year term, which meets once a year.
Councilman Curtis stated he actually did not have a chance to talk to anyone.
Councilwoman Higgins stated she must have missed the memo on this.

Councilman Jeffries move they table action on this until the next meeting. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is the second reading of the Ordinance to Rezone 505 E Grant from RT to RM.

Councilwoman Higgins moved the ordinance pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – absent; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Hoehn moved the rules be suspended. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – absent; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on final reading. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – absent; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 14-3.

Mr. Davis thanked the Council.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

Councilman Hoehn stated in reference to the eastside gravity sewer feasibility study, he has received information back from the business owners in the area and he will hopefully have more information available to get to the Council within the next few days.

Mayor Tucker added there is money in SRF left over from the Long Term Control Plan coming in under budget that could be used to do this, and IF they do it, it could be done without a rate increase. If they don't use that money, they will need to give it back to SRF.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

Councilman Curtis stated they opened 7 bids yesterday on the steel work for the police and fire station. The bids met legal requirements and today the Board of Works awarded the project to the low bidder – Empire. Pyramid is hopeful that work will begin within seven to nine weeks. Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilman Jeffries stated he has no report.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling was not present.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated he has no report.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated he no report, but it's cold.

Mayor Tucker stated tomorrow at 11:00 am there will be a press conference to discuss the city's successful grant applications, through INDOT – they got BOTH of them. He added this could not have happened without the Council and everyone working together. They are also working on the Stellar Grant and the deadline for the application is February 19.

Councilman Curtis stated he would like to thank the Mayor and the community partners who went with him in Indianapolis concerning these grants. He stated he appreciates it.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker, Mayor

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